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County Receives Budget Award

Waukesha, WIS. – Waukesha County is one of 1,069 entities throughout North America to receive the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its 2007 budget.

"It is an honor to receive this award and I would like to commend all the staff that work tirelessly to make our budget process a success," said County Executive Dan Vrakas. "Our residents should be proud of this achievement and our continued efforts to provide them with the most cost-effective and efficient budget possible."

GFOA assesses award applicants based on how proficient the budget is at serving as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communication device. In addition to meeting these criteria, GFOA recognized the county for its capital plan and budget and for linking them to the operating budget and strategic plan.

As part of the award, a certificate of recognition was presented to Budget Manger Keith Swartz, a Brookfield resident, for his commitment to ensuring that the county uses the highest principles of government budgeting. Swartz has been instrumental in guiding the county's budget process for more than 20 years.

GFOA is a non-profit professional association that serves 16,800 government finance professionals throughout the United States and Canada. It provides the highest national awards program in governmental budgeting.

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